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A.—(*a*) & (*c*) A statement is placed on the table.[a] It is presumed that the information required in clause (*c*) relates only to trunk roads.

(*b*) The information is not available.

Mr. M. S. Sreshta :—" May I ask whether the Government will be pleased to make a survey of the actual condition in regard to roads all over the Presidency and revise their distribution of grants? "

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili :—" It is not possible to make a survey of the actual condition of the roads all over the Presidency. The grants were fixed with reference to the existing conditions some years ago and they are being continued."

Mr. M. S. Sreshta :—" Will the hon. Minister be pleased to order a careful survey now—an up-to-date survey—of the conditions of the roads in the several districts so that he may be able to weigh carefully the competing claims of the various district boards and redistribute the grants to them without leaving any impression in the minds of people that vested interests or the claims of particular districts are taken into account? "

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili :—" I do not think it is necessary to have a general survey like that. All schemes sent up by the local bodies are carefully examined and, if funds are available, those schemes which in the opinion of the Government are urgent are sanctioned."

Disposal of applications by the Executive Engineer, Kistna Western Subdivision, for permission to use canal bunds as roads.

* 350 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many local boards and panchayats have applied to the Executive Engineer, Kistna Western Subdivision, for permission to use canal bunds as roads;

(*b*) to which of them has permission been granted and to which not; and

(*c*) what the reasons given by the Executive Engineer are for refusal?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) A statement showing the particulars required for a period of five years ending 1932 is laid on the table of the House.[b]

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari :—" May I ask whether there is any principle on which these canal bunds are handed over to local bodies for road-making purposes, or is it purely left to the discretion of the Executive Engineer or the Superintending Engineer there? "

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili :—" I do not think there is any general principle; each question is considered on its merits."

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 615 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 616–617 infra.

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Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I know why in the same canal bund particular portions are granted to certain local boards and particular portions are refused as is shown by item No. 17 in the appendix? In that case, the District Board was refused permission. May I know the reason why permission was refused?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"I think they take into consideration the interests of the irrigation work."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I know whether the Government will advise their Executive Engineers not to refuse permission as far as possible to these local bodies to use the canal bunds for road-making purposes as the local bodies are not in a position to acquire lands elsewhere and form roads for villages?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"It is not possible to issue a general order like that. But if any local body brings any particuar case to the notice of the Government, the question will be considered."

Appointment of Commissioners and Special Executive Officers to Municipalities.

* 351 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number and names of the municipalities to which Commissioners and Special Executive Officers have been appointed;

(*b*) the names, the experience and the qualifications of these Commissioners and Executive Officers;

(*c*) to what community each of them belongs and what their scales of pay are; and

(*d*) how many more Commissioners and Special Executive Officers are yet proposed to be appointed and to which of the municipalities?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) A statement [a] is appended.

(*d*) A Commissioner to the Bellary Municipality, which has been notified under clause (1) of section 12-C of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, as amended by Act XV of 1933, will shortly be appointed.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"In view of the fact that out of 17 appointments only one has gone to a Muslim, may I ask whether in the case of future appointments (except of course the one now pending with regard to Bellary) the claims to Muslims to adequate representation in this service will be taken into account?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"These appointments are restricted to Government servants and employees of local boards and municipal councils. Up to now I have not received any application from suitable Muslim candidates for these appointments. If any application is received it will be considered when future vacancies arise."

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 618 infra.